

## **Carolina Elementary School Report to Parents 2011-2012**

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**Mission Statement: *A community of learners dedicated to student achievement.***

**Purpose:** The purpose of Carolina Elementary School is to promote academic excellence in each student's life and to establish positive relationships with the entire learning community.

***The steps that we take today lead to the successes of tomorrow.***

**PASS Goals:** We are delighted to announce that Carolina Elementary met all the student achievement goals based on Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) results. Our state report score was: Excellent (Absolute) and Average (Improvement). We scored higher than district and state averages in all grade levels. We did not meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) by achieving 15 out of 17 criteria. The data is posted on the district website ([darlington.k12.sc.us](http://darlington.k12.sc.us)) and the state website ([scde.com](http://scde.com)).

**Honors:** Carolina was honored as District Clean School of the Year for 2010-2011. Forty-one fifth graders were inducted into the National Junior Beta Club this year. These students have an academic average of 90 or above and will be able to join the Beta Club at Hartsville Middle School next year. Carolina Elementary received Honorable Mention from the State Schools of Character in March.

**Activities:** In October, we enjoyed two family activities: the Coker 5K run for any student and parent who wanted to participate and our annual Parent Picnic where all parents are invited to eat a picnic lunch outside with their child. In November, during American Education Week, grandparents joined us in a school tour, took part in our Book Fair, heard the fifth graders play the Alma Mater and shared in refreshments. Our "Night of Excellence" was held in February with interactive activities in social studies for parents and students.

**School Climate:** As part of National Network of Partnering Schools (NNPS) we provided "Drive through Breakfast" to our parents twice during the year. Lunch Bunch is a time when parents and grandparents read to our students during lunch. Small groups of students gather outside or on the stage and listen to an adult read his/her favorite books.

**Technology:** Carolina benefits from the Darlington County Technology Plan. Parents now have access to their children's grades through the Parent Portal, a web based program. Teachers received training in the new interactive software, ActivInspire . Teachers also received new "netbooks" to replace their laptops for instructional purposes.

**Parent Organizations:** This year, our goal was new equipment for the playground. In an effort to promote fitness and healthy living, the playground committee, and the PTO decided to raise funds for fitness equipment rather than play equipment for the playground. We received funding from the Byerly Foundation, Pioneering HEALTHIER Communities, Pee Dee Region, JBE and Carolina Elementary PTO. Coach Fedewa will receive one on one training from a Project Fit instructor on the appropriate use of the equipment. The celebration event will take place in May, 2012. The purpose of the Report to Parents is to highlight the progress of the school toward its goals and objectives of the school strategic plan.

We would like to thank the following parents, staff and school community that make up our School Improvement Council:

**Elected Members:**

Coretta Bailey, Parent

Catherine Charles, Parent

Tonda Meadows, Parent ( CHAIR)

Lenora Lefew, Parent

Lezlie Weaver, Parent

Jamie Morphis, Parent

Angela Weathers, Teacher

Irene Middleton, Teacher

Rachel Wint, Parent

**Appointed Members:**

Reverend Carroway, Community

Jodan Heydt, Community

Andrea Trader, Community

Rev. Kevin Walters, Community

Allison Pederson, Community

Graham Segars, Community

Dr. Mary Thomas, Teacher

**Ex-officio Members:**

Meredith Askins, Parent Org. Rep

Shannon Harless, Parent

Donna Barrett, Principal